HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 542

## SUBCOMMITTEE:

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2	AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3	(Proposed by the House Committee on/for
4	on)
5	(Patron Prior to SubstituteDelegate McQuinn)
6	Requesting the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to study transit equity and modernization in
7	the Commonwealth. Report.
8	WHEREAS, public transit is vital for the equitable growth of the Commonwealth's economy,
9	transportation infrastructure, and sustainability efforts; and
10	WHEREAS, people across the Commonwealth rely on public transit to reach employment
11	opportunities, socialize with friends and family, connect with their communities, and meaningfully
12	participate in our society; and
13	WHEREAS, many transportation systems in the Commonwealth lack the necessary infrastructure
14	to provide essential public transit needs; and
15	WHEREAS, in order to make public transit in the Commonwealth a world-class transportation
16	system, we must analyze equity issues as we focus on improvements, increased efficiency, and
17	modernization; now, therefore, be it
18	RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Department of Rail and
19	Public Transportation be requested to study transit equity and modernization in the Commonwealth.
20	In conducting its study, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall complete a needs
21	assessment focusing on the equitable delivery of transportation services and modernization of transit in
22	the Commonwealth. The Department of Rail and Public Transportation, with the cooperation of all transit
23	agencies that receive funding pursuant to subdivision D 1 of § 33.2-1526.1 of the Code of Virginia, shall
24	study of transit accessibility, adequacy of transit infrastructure, transit electrification, implementation of
25	emerging technology, transit safety, and transit system engagement. The Department of Rail and Public

Transportation shall place particular emphasis on transit services and engagement opportunities for underserved and underrepresented communities.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for this study, upon request.

The Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an interim report containing an executive summary of its activity and work no later than December 1, 2021, and a final report containing an executive summary of its activities and recommendations no later than August 1, 2022. Such reports shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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